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DEVELOPMENT OF PCPIR IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government of Karnataka has drawn an ambitious plan to develop a Petroleum, Chemical and Petro-Chemical Investment Region (PCPIR) on over 60,000 acres of land in Udupi and Dakshina Karnataka districts;

(b) if so, whether the said plan has the potential to attract huge investments from global majors;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) Whether only non-agricultural land, lands with shrubs and lands with large plateaus have been identified for setting up the project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the precautions being taken by the Union Government to ensure that agricultural land is not acquired for setting up of PCPIR in various States; and

(g) the details of the rehabilitation plan for those displaced by acquisition of land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a)to (g) The Govt. of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for hosting a PCPIR in terms of the recently approved Policy for setting up of Petroleum,Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR). The PCPIR is a specifically delineated investment region having an area of about 250 sq. kms.(with at least 40% area earmarked for processing activities).This region would be a combination of production projects, public utilities, logistics, environmental protection, residential areas and administrative services. The purpose is to encourage global scale investment in petroleum, chemical & petrochemical sectors to accelerate economic growth. The Central Government will consider and approve applications from the State Governments for establishment of PCPIRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail, road, ports, and airports. Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physical infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided. The technical/initial scrutiny of the proposal has been completed and now the State govt. will submit a revised proposal.

The State Government in its initial proposal has informed that investment of Rs 230,000 crores is expected.

It has been informed by the Govt. of Karnataka that the State Govt. doesn't proposes to acquire any fertile land. The PCPIR policy lays down that as far as possible acquisition of agricultural land may be avoided. The acquisition of land if any must be in accordance with law and must provide for rehabilitation as per the laid down norms.